### COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Midwinter Meeting Held at Peck Library--Endowment Fund Amounts to \$25,000--Memorial Papers On E. C. Stedman, Daniel C. Gilman and Donald G. Mitchell

There was an attendance of about sixty, of whom about a dozen were from New London, at the Peck library on Thursday afternoon, when the midwinter meeting of the New London County Historical society was heid. At the opening of the meeting at three o'clock the members were greeted in brief words of welcome by Principal Henry A. Tirrell of the Academy, one of the committee of arrangements, who spoke in admiration of the spirit and aim of the society to preserve all that is best in the history of New London county. Such a study of local history would lead naturally to national history, and he cordially well-comed them to this meeting place, which he said was always glad to receive them.

Responding, President Ernest E. Rogers of New London spoke of the changes of the year, the acquirement of the Shaw mansion in New London as the permanent home of the society, the loss of many by death, especially Mrs. Perkins of Orlando, Fla., formerly Miss Chapell of New London, who had been the first to give

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not the memory, of Edmund Clarence Stedman, Daniel Cott Gilman and Donthan completed his three score and ten years, two of them dying in the harness at the age of 74 and 77 respectively, and the third lingering dreaming through the last year of his long life to the age of 86, perhaps living over that Dreamlife with which he had charmed his readers 57 years before.

hoon. Mr. Johnson, as secretary of the American committee of the Keats-Shelley memorial in Rome, of which Mr. Stedman had been chairman, annunced the completion of a pian to furnish the largest room in the house which Keats occupied in Rome as a permanent memorial to Stedman.

fore. Edmund Clarence Stedman.

if you have indigestion, your food ferments in the stomach and bowels. It does more: it decays, and the nutritious matter which should go to make new blood decays with it, and this leads to an impoverished condition of the blood, an impoverished condition of the blood, to nervousness, billousness, constipation, sick headsche, bad breath which disgusts your friends, and other disagreeable and unpleasant conditions.

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don, who had been the first to give encouragement towards acquiring the Shaw mansion and one of the first of the contributors.

President Rogers introduced Col. C. D. Parkhurst of New London, a retired army officer who was now back in his home district, after a long and honorable service for his country, and presented him to give a paper upon The Study of Genealogy.

Admitting that the student of genealogy was a crank, but perhaps one of the most harmless kind. Colonel Parkhurst covered in an interesting way the increase of late years in genealogical knowledge, and said it all brought out the fact of the universal brotherhood of man. On the mathematical side Colonel Parkhurst amused this audience by figuring out back thirty generations that each one of his hearers had more than 1,073,236.—600 ancestors at that time, half male and half female. His paper was thoroughly enjoyed as it discussed the making of ancestral trees, and the assistance given by historical societies. He volced the hope that the Naming of ancestral trees, and the assistance given by historical societies. He volced the hope that the Naming of ancestral trees, and the assistance given by historical societies. He volced the hope that the condownent fund had now renched \$25,000.

President Rogers tion presented Jonathan Trumbull for the principal paper of the afternoon, a memorial of those three distinguished sons of Norwich, whose deaths have recently occurred—Edmund Clarence Stedman, Daniel Coft Gilman, and Donald Grant Mitchell, Appreciation of Mr. Trumbull's paper was shown at its conclusion by a burst of appliance for his eloquent tribute to those of oatend a meeting at the Car
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plause for his eloquent tribute to these intimate friends of his. Mr. Trumbull said:

In the years so lately closed, we cannot fall to recognize some very marked blanks which the effacing hand of time last left in our list of honorary members. The names but four wishons which I think swaymen. hand of time last left in our list of honorary members. The names, but not the memory, of Edmund Clarence Stedman, Daniei Coit Gliman and Donald Grant Mitchell have been transferred from our honorary roll to a roll more enduring and mere honorable than that which any organization can hope to make. These three men have left a record of work accomplished, each in his own way, which has proved to be not only an uplifting influence, but a dynamic force in American geholarship, literature and civilization. In the case of eac hone the record is beautifully complete. Each had more than completed his three score and ten years two of them dules in the large autience knew so well. Tributes to his personal worth and his fame as a poet and man of letters were lovingly paid by Richard Watson Gilder, who presided by Hamilton W. Manie, Seth Low, William C. Church and Robert M. Johnson. A letter from William Winter, closing with verses composed for the occasion, was read; and a poem by Stedman's son, Arthur, who so recently died after a visit to Norwich in quest of reminacences of his father's boyhood and early manhoon. Mr. Johnson, as secretary of the American committee of the Keats-

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Edmund Clarence Stedman.

In some of those rare pauses which this strenuous life of ours grants usit may be well to ask ourselves what three names we shall place on our honorary roll to fill the three places now made vacant. Another question is suggested by this. Can we find three that will completely fill these vacancies?

In 1895 our poet Stedman wrote these lines:

"Give me to die unwitting of the day And stricken in Life's brave heat, with senses clear."

"Fifteen years later that wish was fulfilled. On the 18th of January, 1908, that brave, sunny spirit took its sudden flight, after a mornin of his loved literary work, and a greeting by telephone to a friend. I cannot lone at this time to do more than to say a word of remembrance and appreciation of this rare spirit, which is feen must be very inadequately spoken.

We claim him as a Norwich maneven though his birthplace, of which he had only the dim recollection of aboy of six yoars, was Hartford. It was here in Norwich that the formative period of his life was passed, here that he passed the early years of his married life, and commenced his literary career as a founder of the Norwich Tribune. And to the day of his death, he clung with a loyality-which, like all his other loyalities, has well for mention in the stomech and bowels. It was here in Norwich that the formative period of his life was passed, here that he passed the early years of his married life, and commenced his literary career as a founder of the Norwich Tribune. And to the day of his death, he clung with a loyality-which, like all his other loyalities, has well him of the stomech and bowels. It for man and important when he was called would be more than I could hope to do even in a larger limit of the stan that to which I must confine myself.

A POSITIVE CURE

FOR INDIGESTION

and reminiscences, in which he iets us know much of the experiences of his busy and highly useful and important life. Foremost among these are his busy and highly useful and important life. Foremost among these are his "Eniversity Problems." published in 1828, and "The Launching of a University and Other Papers," published in 1839. He has also contributed to the American Statesmen series, a life of James Monroe, valuable in every way, and especially so for its clear and scholarly exposition of the Monroe doctrine. "The Life of James Dwight Dana," 1839, forms another valuable bicgraphy which he has left us. Prominent in his literary work, too, is his supervising editorship of the International Encyclopedia.

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In these delightful reminiscences which he has left us he says, though in the midst of a life apparently as busy as ever: "I have heard travelers say that the pleasantest part of travel is the coming home. I have sometimes thought so, and I have also thought that the pleasantest part of life is its closing chapter, when measures take the place of hopes, carks are lessened, opportunities are enlarged and friendships multiplied and arged and friendships multiplied and

intensified."
This closing chapter he had reached. and the handless which he had found in the sunset of a long useful life was, no doubt, his to the fullest degree. There was another wish which he had ever expressed in print that when he time should come for the closes f that chapter it might come quickly. This wish was graiffed. It was a home coming for all time here in the town of his birth that he loved so well. We had hoped that he would live to see and participate in the 250th anniversary of the settlement of his native

town, as he had in the 200th anniver-sary, but it was not to be.

Donald Grant Mitchell.

In the days of long ago, when it was quite the fashion for our best families to occupy seats in the galleries of the old Second Congregational church of Norwich, I have a very distinct and cherished recollection of a young man of striking and distinguished presence who occupied one of those gallery seats to which we were beginning to be driven by the crowded condition of the church at the time. He was a man of rare manly beauty, with thoughtful, contemplative, refined features, a head which, it seemed to me, might well serve as a model for some great sculptor striving to give us a Phoebus Apollo. A youthful fancy for a great author surrounded that head with a halo which only such youthful fancies can create. "The Reveries of a Bachelor" and "Dream Life" were then household works among us, and "Ik Marvel" was to me, and to a host of the server of the strict of the server in the server was to me, and to a host of the server in the server was to me, and to a host of the server in the server was to me, and to a host of the server in the server Donald Grant Mitchell Then household works among us, and "Ik Marvel" was to me, and to a host of others, a name to conjure with as it still is and will be as long as such a true soul and true artist can touch the chords of this life of ours as he has touched them.

At the time I speak of he had reached, perhaps, the age of 40, had broken away from all expectation or even dread of hampering his genius by a professional life, and had establisha professional life, and had established his reputation and standing among the literary lights of the day. How well this career united the rather stern Calvinistic views of his father, Rev. Alfred Mitcheil, we shall never learn from the son. If it was opposed, we may surmise that opposition meant encouragement in his case, for there were beautiful, lofty, ennobling thoughts in that Apollo-like head that had to be uttered. The man's own benevolent love of his fellowmen could not allow the world to be so much poorer as it would have been without the utterance. His life stands in rather

poorer as it would have been without the utterance. His life stands in rather marked contrast to the more stirring lives of Stedman and Gliman, and yet we would not have it otherwise.

Mr. Trumbull briefly sketched Mr Mitchell's life and mentioned the books he had written. Continuing he said

In 1855 we find him settled for the remainder of his long life on his "farm at Edgewood," where, free to carry out his own delightful ideals of life, he spends the rest of his days as farmbe spends the rest of his days as farmer. landscape gardener, and, above all, as man of letters On sending through a third person, a list of books to learn of our library could boast of all the books he had written, the author replied in his own characteristic way: "Tell Mr. Trumbull that his li-brary has all the books I have ever

way: "Teil Mr. Trumbull that his library has all the books I have ever been guilty of."

To speak of these works after the analytical manner of the critic of the present day is far beyond my sphere today, and probably never will be within my sphere. Various opinions have been expressed by wise men regarding these works, as, for example, that they are moulded upon the pattern of Washington Irving, in the main; that "Battle Summer" on every page, however, "echoes more or less distinctly the voice of Carlyle" and that it may be said of "Fresh Gleanings" that "its manner occasionally suggests Sterne's Sentimental Journey." To all of which, and to a good deal more of the same sort, it serves my purpose to adopt Mitchell's own laconic and liberal reply to the critics of Irving—"Well, perhaps so, perhaps so!" But that reply would not be complete without adding another quotation, but substituting the name of Mitchell for Irving: "But I love to think and believe that our dear old Mr. Mitchell was born just where he would have been born, and wrote in a way that is hardly worth our while to try and mend for him."

If I were askel why I am charmed by the writings of Donald G. Mitchell it would be difficult for me to say. Is it the exquisite imagery, the charming descriptive power of his language? Is it the soul-moving pathox that here and there ionches the heart? Is it the fullness of true sentiment and the utler absence of false sentimen? Is I ha wonderful power of placing himself and his readers in he vory atmosphere and environment of the times of which he treats? Yes, It is certainly all these, and yet I have not

said it. Let him say it himself as he

said it of another:

"Fashions of books may change—do change: a studious realism may put in disorder the quaint dressing of his thought; and elegant philosophy of indifference may pluck out the bowels from his books.

Murty Shea returned to his home on Norwich avenue Thursday morning, after a three days' automobile trip to Providence and other towns in Rhode Island.

NORWICH TOWN. "But—the faction of his heart and of his abiding good-will toward men will last—will last while the hills last."

Remarks and Discussion.

Mr. Trumbull read a letter of regret from General William A. Aiken that he could not be present to add his words of tribute to the memory of Mr. Gilman, with whom he had long been associated in the National Civil Service Reform league, of which Mr. Gilman was president. At the request of President Rogers, the secretary of the society, Miss Elizabeth Gorton of New London, read the letters by which Mr. Stedman and Mr. Mitchell had acknowledged their election as honorary members of the society. Attention was also called to the photographs of the three distinguished men which were displayed in the library.

Henry Verg nue is much lilness.

The Home First Congreg the chapel to and evening. Mrs. F. H. avenue entert day Rev. and Smith of Chileson Congregations also called to the photographs of the three distinguished men which were displayed in the library. Remarks and Discussion.

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When called upon by President Rogers, a brother of the late Daniel Coit Gliman spoke briefly in tribute to the late George S. Porter of this city, bearing testimony to the extent and importance of his work, all of which bore the engagester integrity and

ing testimony to the extent and importance of his work, all of which bore the guarantee of perfect integrity and truthfulness in his genealogical researches. Mr. Gliman mentioned as the two most important works of Mr. Porter his "Record of the Gravostones in the Norwich Town Graveyard" and his "English Ancestry of Margaret Baret, which the late Mr. Porter worked up from nothing.

The concluding address of the afternoon was a brief tribute to Donaid G. Mitchell from Principal Colin Buell of the Williams Institute in New London. Principal Buell spoke of his rare privilege, while a student at Yale, in listening to a course of lectures by Mr. Mitchell, in which the charming personality of the man was impressed upon all the class, and all three of these sons of Norwich, Principal Buell said, reflected the Yale spirit in that they were helpers in the world of the world and identified for the betterment of the communities in which they lived.

After brief words of thanks from Parallems Mears to the scanding of the parallems and the search of the communities in which they lived. After brief words of thanks from President Rogers to the speakers, and the three members of the arrangement committee—Mr. Trumbull, Principal Tirrell and Major B. P. Learned—re-

> TAFTVILLE. Personal Notes.

Fred Hasler of Merchants avenue is suffering with an attack of the grip.

gret being expressed at the absence of

the last named, the meeting was de-clared adjourned.

Joseph Brunelle has returned to Worcester, after a visit in Taftville. Herbert Irons of Lisbon has finished sawing fifty cords of wood for G. G.

Daniel Shea of Merchants avenue left Thursday evening for a week in New York.

John L. Sullivan and Daniel Flynt nade a business trip to Jewett City Joseph Arsenault of Jewett City was the guest of relatives in North A

street recently. Almedos Libertie of Jewett City will use on Merchants av in the near future.

William T. Delaney of Providence street left Thursday afternoon for Northampton, Mass., where he has accepted a position.

Christopher Meyer is still confined to his home on Norwich avenue, al-though he expected to resume work in the mill this week.

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Murty Shea returned to his home

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day Rev. and Mrs. Edward Huntington Smith of China. On Thursday evening at the First Congregational church Rev. George H. Ewing spoke concerning The Begin-ning of the Faith.

Connectout Patents.

The list of patents issued from the United States patent office Tuesday, Jan. 26, for the state of Connecticut follows: H. Bonbright, New Haven, electric speedometer and odometer: F. J. Burns, Thomaston, permutation electric speedometer and odometer: F.
J. Burna, Thomaston permutation lock; L. T. Burns, Waterbury, ladder bracket; C. S. Cole, Sandy Hook, electric storage battery: A. C. Cooke, Rocky Hill, truss; C. Cuno, Meriden electric circuit controller for internal combustion engines; T. Digney, Bridgeport, curtain roller; G. R. Ford, Hartford, display stand; L. W. Harrsig, New Haven, door hinge: A. L. Jacobs, assignor to Jacobs Manufacturing company, Hartford, chuck; C. M. King, Derby, cork extractor; W. E. Petrie, New Haven, sash lock; F. H. Richards, Hartford, eyelet; J. H. Shaw, New Haven, bracket for door

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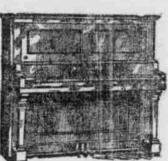
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